BY-LAWS

OF THE

BOSTON

COUNCIL OF ROYAL MASTERS,

FOR ITS

REGULATION AND GOVERNMENT.

ADOPTED JANUARY 17, 1856.

BOSTON:
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BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

The BOSTON COUNCIL OF ROYAL MASTERS shall be constituted of such Royal Arch Masons as have been honored with the degrees of *Select*, *Royal* and *Super-Excellent Masters;* and who shall have paid the established fees, and signed the By-Laws.

ARTICLE II.

GOVERNMENT, IN WHOM VESTED.

The immediate government of the Council shall be vested in the three principal officers; to whom shall be added, for the complete organization of the Council, six others. These nine officers shall be distinguished by titles appropriate to the several degrees cultivated in this Council.

ARTICLE III.

TITLE, RANK AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The title, rank and duties of the officers shall be as follows:—

1. The first officer shall be styled *Most Illustrious Grand Master*, in all the degrees, and shall preside in the respective Councils, of *Select Masters* of 27, and *Royal Masters*, to confer the degrees, and to superintend the general concerns of the Institution.

2. The second officer shall be styled *Right Illustrious Grand Master*. He shall assist the Most Illustrious Grand Master in the duties of his office, and in his absence shall preside.

3. The third officer shall be styled *Illustrious Grand Master of the Work*. In the absence of the two superior officers he shall preside.

4. The fourth officer shall be styled *Master of Ceremonies*. He attends the orders of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

5. The fifth Officer shall be styled *Master of the Exchequer*. He shall punctually attend the meetings of the Council, take charge of the property, and receive all the moneys belonging to the Council, from the hands of the Recorder, and pay them out by order of the Council, or the Committee of Finance; keep a fair and regular account thereof, and adjust and settle his accounts with the Recorder and the Standing Committee of Finance, annually, before the choice of officers.

6. The sixth officer is styled *Recorder*. He shall notify the members of all meetings of the Council; insert on the notifications the names of all the candidates for the degrees and for membership, and also the subject of any special business; collect all monies due the Council and pay them over to the Master of the Exchequer at the meetings, and settle his accounts with him and the Standing Committee annually, before the choice of officers.

7. The seventh officer is styled *Master of the Guards*.

8. The eighth officer is styled *Conductor of the Council*.

9. The ninth officer is styled *Sentinel*.

ARTICLE IV.

ANNUAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS.

The Annual Meeting of the Council shall be on the third Thursday in September, at which time the above nine officers shall be chosen by ballot, a majority of the members present being necessary to a choice.

A Regular Meeting of the Council shall be held on the third Thursday in each month, except when the Council by vote shall determine otherwise.

Special Meetings may be called at any time by order of the first officer.

ARTICLE V.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The officers elect shall be installed as soon as convenient after the election; the officers of the preceeding year retaining their respective offices till their successors shall be installed.

In case of a vacancy happening in any office, from any cause whatever, it may be filled by another election, due notice therefor being inserted on the notifications for the meeting.

The first officer may appoint on the day of installation of officers, or from time to time, a *Priest* or *Chaplain*, a *Corresponding Secretary*, two *Stewards*, two or three *Heralds*, and a *Tyler;* and such other subordinate officers as the occasions of the Council may require.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

There shall annually be chosen, by ballot, two members, who, with the Most Illustrious Grand Master, shall constitute the *Standing Committee of Finance.*

ARTICLE VII.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, HOW ADMITTED.

Each application for the degrees conferred in this Council, shall be made in writing, in due form, and accompanied by a certificate, signed by three Royal Masters, vouching for the qualifications of the applicant, who shall be admitted by an unanimous ballot only; his name having been inserted on the notifications, for the meeting at which the ballot is to be taken.

ARTICLE VIII.

MEMBERS, HOW ADMITTED

A candidate for membership shall be proposed by a member of the Council, and may be balloted for at the next meeting, his name having previously been inserted on the notifications; and shall be admitted only by an unanimous ballot.

On subscribing the By-Laws and paying a fee of *two* dollars, he will be entitled to all the privileges of a member. Honorary members may be admitted as above and exempted from fees.

ARTICLE IX.

FEES FOR THE DEGREES.

Every candidate receiving the degrees in this Council, shall pay, previously to receiving the same, five dollars for each degree.

ARTICLE X.

ANNUAL DUES.

There shall be an annual assessment of *one dollar* upon each member of the Council, taking date from the annual meeting

nearest to the time of his admission to membership. And any member who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the terms of this article, for the period of one year after he has been notified by the Recorder that the same is due, shall forfeit his membership, and his name may be erased from the books, by vote of the Council.

ARTICLE XI.

FEES FOR DIPLOMA.

Any Companion receiving a *Diploma* from this Council, shall pay the *cost* thereof, and one dollar extra to the Recorder, for his exclusive benefit.

ARTICLE XII.

MONEYS, HOW DISPOSED OF.

All moneys received for fees, assessments, &c., after deducting the necessary expenses of the Council, shall constitute an *Orphan Fund*, subject to the disposition of the Council.

ARTICLE XIII.

MEMBERS, HOW DISCHARGED.

No member shall have an honorable discharge until he shall have complied with the By-Laws relative to fees. And no Companion shall leave the Council while it is in *session*, without permission from the presiding officer.

ARTICLE XIV.

BY-LAWS, HOW ALTERED.

These By-Laws shall be subject to revision, alteration, or amendment, when agreed to by a majority of the members present at any stated meeting; a proposition for that purpose having been made, and the subject committed, at a previous meeting, and duly notified by the Recorder.

Members of the Boston Council of Royal Masters.

NAMES.	*Admitted.*	*Honorary.*	*Resigned.*	*Deceased.*
Andrews, Alonzo	Nov. 29, 1853			
Atkinson, Theodore	Sept. 21, 1854			
Bean, Aaron	Original			April 4, 1820
Bradford, John R.	Original	March 15, 1855		
Bowers, Alexander	Original		May 30, 1826	
Barry, William	Original		Jan. 20, 1826	Aug. 11, 1855
Baxter, Daniel	Sept. 30, 1817		Oct. 25, 1831	July 22, 1836
Brigham, Levi	Jan. 27, 1819			Oct. 19, 1526
Bugbee, Asa	Oct. 27, 1818			
Bacon, William	April 27, 1819			
Bean, Joshua	May 19, 1819			
Baxter, jr. Daniel	May 19, 1819		Jan. 27, 1835	
Barnum, E. R.	Jan. 27, 1819			
Bowles, Lucius Q. C.	July 27, 1819			
Bittle, William	Nov. 28, 1820			Dec. 4, 1838
Bigelow, John P.	Jan. 29, 1828	Jan. 17, 1856		
Barnes, Edwin	April 28, 1840	March 15, 1855		
Baker, Ruel	Jan. 28, 1840			Jan. 17, 1843
Bradford, J. F.	Nov. 29, 1853			
Bloch, A. F.	March 28, 1854			

Names.	*Admitted.*	*Honorary.*	*Resigned.*	*Deceased.*
Barker, Richard M.	April 20, 1854			
Bigelow, John	Jan 18, 1855			
Brackett, De Witt C.	Jan. 18, 1855			
Bickford, Joseph A.	Feb. 15, 1855			
Bryer, A. K.	Feb 15, 1855			
Butterfield, William P.	March 15, 1855			
Bullock, William W.	April 19, 1855			
Butts, George	Dec. 20, 1855			
Briggs, Richard	Jan. 17, 1856			
Clark, Amos	Jan. 27, 1819			
Cobb, Gershom	April 27, 1819			
Cleveland, E. J.	March 15, 1855			
Dean, Paul	Original	March 15, 1855		
Dame, Abraham A.	July 27, 1819	March 15, 1855		
Driscol, Cornelius	April 30, 1822		Jan. 27, 1835	
Day, Thomas C.	May 18, 1854			
Damrell, John S.	Jan. 18, 1855			
Eaton, William	Dec. 25, 1832	March 15, 1855		
Edlefson, John H.	Sept. 21, 1854			
Fowle, Henry	Original			
Felch, Cheever	Oct. 27, 1818			April, 1837
French, Jonas	Nov. 28, 1820			March, 1827
Fiske, Sewell			April 24, 1832	

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Farrar, Simon	Jan. 28, 1824			
Flint, John	Nov. 29, 1853	March 15, 1855		
Foster, Ebenezer B.	April 20, 1851			
Francis, Cyrus T.	Sept. 21, 1854			
Gleason, Benjamin	Original			Sept. 1847
Gibbens, Daniel L.	Original			Aug. 17, 1853
Glover, Elisha V.			Feb. 15, 1855	
Guild, C.	May 19, 1819			
Greenleaf, Gardner	May 27, 1828		Feb. 27, 1838	
Gibson, George M.	March 28, 1854			
Grows, D. P.	March 28, 1854			
Gay, Ebenezer F.	April, 17, 1856			
House, Eleazer G.	Original			
Hammond, Nathaniel	Original			
Howe, Calvin	Original			1821
Holmes, Galen	Sept. 30, 1817			
Huntington, Benjamin	May 15, 1818		Nov. 28, 1826	
Howe, Samuel	Jan. 27, 1818		Nov. 28, 1820	Dec. 27, 1848
Hooper, T.	Oct. 27, 1818			
Howe, John	Jan. 27, 1819		May 29, 1827	
Holden, Joshua	May 19, 1819			Dec. 19, 1852
Hobart, Enoch	April 30, 1822	Jan. 17, 1856		
Hammatt, John B.		Jan. 28, 1840		

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Harwood, Daniel	Feb. 27, 1838	March 15, 1855		
Hanson. Henry R.	March 28, 1854			
Hall, John K.	March 28, 1854			
Hunt. Sanford M.	Jan. 18, 1855			
Howard, Joseph W.	March 15, 1855			
Ingalls, William	Jan. 28, 1824			Sept. 9, 1851
Jenkins, Joseph	Original			Oct. 11, 1851
Johnson, Seth	Original			
Jewett, Jonathan	Sept. 30, 1817		Dec. 25, 1827	Oct. 29, 1855
Johnson, W. R.	July 27, 1819			
Jones, Charles H.	May 19, 1819		Jan. 28, 1823	
Jones, William K.	March 28, 1854			
Jepson, Samuel	April 20, 1854			
Johnson, Joseph P.	April 19, 1855			
Kingsbury, Aaron	April 27, 1819		Jan. 31, 1837	April 12, 1839
Knapp, William	Feb. 28, 1826	Jan. 17, 1856		
Keith, Robert,	Oct. 25, 1838	March 15, 1855		
Lash, Robert	Original		Jan. 30, 1827	
Loring, John J.	Original	March 15, 1855		
Lewis, Winslow	Feb. 27, 1838	March 15, 1855		
Lovell, Stephen	Nov. 29, 1853	March 15, 1855		
Lanergan, Andrew	May 18, 1854			
Lambert, Thomas R.	Sept. 21, 1854			

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Leman, I.	May 19, 1819			
Long, Martin W.	Nov. 29, 1853			
Mann, J.	Jan. 27, 1818			
McKim, John	July 29, 1823		Feb. 15, 1855	
Makepeace, William	April 20, 1854			
Moore, Charles W.	Dec. 25, 1832	March 15, 1855		
McGreavey, George	March 28, 1854			
Marshall, Wyzeman	March 28, 1854			
McClellan, John	Nov. 29, 1853			
Moore, Edward B.	April 20, 1854			
Morss, Charles A.	Jan. 18, 1855			
Moulton, George	April 19, 1855			
Nurse, Gilbert	Feb. 28, 1826	March 15, 1855		
Nourse, Benjamin F.	March 15, 1855			
Oliver, Ebenezer	Oct. 27, 1818			May 3, 1833
Payson, Samuel	Feb. 15, 1818		Dec. 25, 1827	
Payson, Thomas	Oct. 27, 1818			April 20, 1844
Phillips, John L.	May 19, 1819			
Pierce, Warren	May 19, 1819		Nov. 13, 1821	
Pierce, jr. William	Feb. 28, 1826			
Pettingill, Merrill	Nov. 29, 1853			
Pollard, Abner W.	April 20, 1854			
Patten, George W.	Sept. 21, 1854			

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Pierce, William	Sept. 21, 1854			
Phelps, Jacob C.	May 18, 1854			
Pattee, Jesse P.	March 15, 1855			
Power, Thomas		Jan. 17, 1856		
Page, Chauncey	Jan. 17, 1856			
Philbrick, John L.	Jan. 17, 1856			
Pecker, Seth E.	Jan. 17, 1856			
Roberts, John			April 24, 1832	Dec. 25, 1833
Roulstone, Michael	Oct. 27, 1818		March 27, 1832	
Raymond, Edward A.	May 28, 1822	Jan. 17, 1856		
Robinson, Simon W.	Feb. 26, 1828	March 15, 1855		
Raymond, Freeman C.	Jan. 12, 1854			
Redman, Curtis	Feb. 15, 1855			
Rice, Homer	May 17, 1855			
Robertson, John A.	Jan. 17, 1856			
Smith, Samuel	Jan. 27, 1819		March 25, 1823	
Stevens, Benjamin	May 19, 1819	Jan. 17, 1856		
Southworth, Constant	Sept. 24, 1822	March 15, 1855		
Spoor, Elijah K.	Nov. 29, 1853			
Stratton, Henry C.	Nov. 29, 1853			
Sanderson, Chester	March 28, 1854			
Stimpson, jr., George	Sept. 21, 1854			
Sleeper, Alfred	Sept. 21, 1854			

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Stone, Jeremiah,	Feb. 15, 1855			
Surette, Louis A.	May 17, 1855			
Shurtleff, Nathaniel B.	March 20, 1856			
Train, I.	April 27, 1819			
Tuttle, Hugh H.	April 28, 1840	March 15, 1855		
Turner, Thomas Larkin	March 28, 1854			
Thornton, Solon	March 15, 1855			
Wales, Samuel	May 15, 1818	March 15, 1855		
Webber, John	May 19, 1819			
Wright, William	Jan. 30, 1821		April 24, 1832	
Wise, James	May 28, 1822			July 13, 1838
Wheeler, Joseph	April 30, 1822			
Whitcomb, Levi	Sept. 27, 1825			
Waterman, Thomas	March 25, 1828	March 15, 1855		
Wetherbee, Caleb	March 28, 1826			
Willis, Horatio M.	March 25, 1828	Jan. 17, 1856		
Whipple, William J.	July 27, 1819		March 27, 1832	1850
Washburn, Salmon	March 28, 1826			Jan. 4, 1847
Wainwright, Peter	March 15, 1855			

OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL,

ELECTED OCTOBER 18, 1855.

STEPHEN LOVELL, *M. I. Grand Master.*
EDWARD B. MOORE, *R. I. Grand Master.*
JOHN K. HALL, *I. G. Master of the Work.*
JOHN MCCLELLAN, *Master of Ceremonies.*
DANIEL HARWOOD, *Master of the Exchequer.*
THOMAS WATERMAN, *Recorder.*
MARTIN W. LONG, *Conductor of the Council.*
HENRY C. STRATTON, *Master of the Guards.*
RICHARD M. BARKER, *Sentinel.*
WILLIAM C. MARTIN, *Tyler.*

☞Regular meetings of the Council on the third Thursday of each month.